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BLM Office Move May Affect Mining Claim Filing Dates

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona State Office is moving to One North Central Avenue, on the corner of Washington Street and Central Avenue from October 5-12. During this time, the BLM Public Room will be closed for regular business, including the filing of documents for all active mining claims. In addition, telephone inquiries will be suspended until the Public Room reopens on Thursday, October 13.

While the BLM Public Room is closed, any documents that must be filed during the closure (October 5-12) will be considered as “timely filed”, if they are filed with the BLM Arizona State Office by the close of the business on October 13, 2005.

The pertinent regulation is as follows: **43 CFR 1822_Filing a Document with BLM**

Sec. 1822.14 What if I try to file a required document on the last day of the stated period for filing, but the BLM office where it is to be filed is officially closed all day?

BLM considers the document timely filed if we receive it in the office on the next day it is officially open.

The Public Room staff and records will be situated on the 8th floor of the building to address all mining claim and customer service needs. The Public Room business hours – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the phone number – (602) 417-9200, will remain unchanged in the new location.

Public parking is available in the new building, as well as several open and covered parking areas adjacent to BLM’s new office in downtown Phoenix.

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